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"THE WAY IN WHICH AND THE TEMPO WITH WHICH CUBA HAS BEEN MILITARY STRENGTHENED BY THE USSR, ESPECIALLY IN RECENT MONTHS, INDICATES NOT EXCLUSIVELY DEFENSIVE BUT ALSO OFFENSIVE AIMS. THE NETH GOVT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. IT HAS NOW BEEN CLEARLY ASCERTAINED THAT, CONTRARY TO VERY RECENT ASSURANCES BY THE SOVIET GOVT, WEAPONS OF ATTACK HAVE BEEN STATIONED ON CUBA AND THAT LAUNCHING PADS ARE BEING BUILT FOR LONG-RANGE MISSILES. THIS RECENT DEVELOPMENT CONSTITUTES AN UNDENIABLE THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND CANNOT LEAVE THE FREE WORLD INDIFFERENT. THE QUARANTINE ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON OCTOBER 22ND IS DESIGNED TO STOP FURTHER SUPPLIES OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BY SEA TO CUBA. THE NETH GOVT HAS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DECISION OF THE US GOVT TO COUNTER BY APPROPRIATE MEASURES ATTEMPTS BY THE SOVIET UNION TO TURN CUBA INTO AN OFFENSIVE MILITARY BASE AND THUS PREVENT TENSION AND UNREST RISING IN THAT ARE THE NETHERLANDS GOVT WILL SUPPORT THE AMERICAN GOVT IN THIS POLICY."

2. UPON RETURN FROM VACATION EVENING OCT 25 FON MIN LUNS TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONIC TOUCH WITH PM DE QUAY, THAT HE (LUNS) CONSIDERED THE CUBA QUESTION AS VERY SERIOUS MATTER, AND THAT NETH GOVT FULLY BACKS THE US MEASURES. HE ALSO ADDED THAT NATO, IN THIS CASE, WOULD BE RIGHT IN CONCERNING ITSELF WITH THE MATTER EVEN THOUGH THE TREATY AREA ITSELF IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

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